

Florence, New Jersey  
August 8, 2007

The Florence Township Council held a regular meeting on the above date in the Municipal Complex, 711 Broad Street, Florence, New Jersey.

The meeting was called to order by Council President Baldorossi at 9:15 PM. President Baldorossi led the Salute to the Flag.

The following statement was read by the Township Clerk: "Notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice was published in the Burlington County Times on January 7, 2007; given to the Register News for information. Notice was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board."

Upon roll call the following were found to be present:

Frank Baldorossi, President  
John Fratinardo  
Bruce Garganio  
Elizabeth Ryan  
Jerry Sandusky

Also present:

Mayor Michael Muchowski; Richard Brook, Township Administrator; Thomas Sahol, Assistant Municipal Administrator; Dante Guzzi, Township Engineer; William John Kearns, Jr., Township Solicitor; Joy M. Weiler, Township Clerk

### **MINUTES**

None at this time.

### **FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE**

It was on the MOTION of Ryan; seconded by Sandusky to receive and file the Chief of Police and Township Clerk reports for July. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

Ryan made a MOTION; seconded by Sandusky to approve the Treasurer's Bill List. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

### **REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE**

Nothing at this time.

### **APPLICATIONS**

- A. ON PREMISE RAFFLE: Florence Township High School Marching Band Booster Club, Inc., Florence Township High School Football Field, September 7, 2007, September 14, 2007, October 26, 2007, 7:00PM – 10:00PM; November 22, 2007, 11:00AM – 2:00PM
- B. OFF PREMISE RAFFLE: Florence Township High School Marching Band Booster Club, Inc., Florence Township High School Football Field, November 22, 2007, 11:00AM – 2:00PM
- C. SET FREE YARD SALE DAY: September 15, 2007 with September 22, 2007 as rain date.

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It was on the MOTION of Garganio, seconded by Ryan to approve the above applications.

**On the Question**

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Fratinardo, Garganio, Ryan, Sandusky, Baldorossi

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None at this time.

All residents having an opportunity to be heard, MOTION by Ryan; seconded by Sandusky to close the public portion of the meeting. All ayes - motion carried.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2007-142**

**RELEASE MAINTENANCE BONDS FOR  
ECKERD PHARMACY**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2007-143**

**AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF AN AMENDMENT  
TO TRANSPORT AGREEMENT WITH  
VIRTUA HEALTH, INC.  
10-15-07 to 10-14-08**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2007-144**

**APPROVE CURRENT ESTIMATE NO. 1 FOR WATER TREATMENT PLANT  
AERATOR PAINTING  
CONTRACTOR: VALLEY PAINTING, INC., 610 BUCK ROAD,  
SOUTHAMPTON, PA, 18966**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2007-145**

**AUTHORIZE REDUCTION IN PERFORMANCE BOND  
LEGACY AT MEADOWCROFT**

***NOTE: Conditioned upon payment of any escrow funds due.***

**RESOLUTION NO. 2007-146**

**APPROVE ANNUAL AUDIT**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2007-147**

**APPROVE SOIL REMOVAL PERMIT FOR  
THE SHOPPES AT MALLARD CREEK**

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Garganio that Resolutions 2007-142 through 2007-147 be approved.

**On the Question**

Mayor Muchowski asked if the Eckerd bond that is being released is a Water & Sewer Bond? Administrator Brook stated that it is just a Water & Sewer Bond.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Fratinardo, Garganio, Ryan, Sandusky, Baldorossi

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Ryan (Resolution No. 2007-143 Only)

ABSENT: None

Motion carries.

**ORDINANCES**

None at this time.

**REPORTS**

**Committees, Boards and Officers**

- Nothing at this time.

**Mayor Muchowski**

- Nothing at this time.

**Administrator**

- Administrator Brook stated that the **Roebing Main Gate Museum Committee** is now incorporated and they are requesting that the name be changed on the lease. Administrator Brook will review with Solicitor Kearns on how to make the change.
- In response to Council Member Ryan's inquiry regarding some **incidents** of car windows being broken in the **area of Mallard Creek and Potts Mill Acres**, Administrator Brook reviewed a report from the Chief of Police, Gordon Dawson. Chief Dawson stated that there have been some incidents where car windows have been broken. The Police Department is putting out informational fliers to the residents to try to gain information on who is doing this. The Police Department did some undercover investigations but unfortunately there was no activity on those nights. It appears to be random vandalism.

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### **Assistant Administrator**

- Assistant Administrator Sahol received a phone call today from a **Bordentown resident** who asked him to ask Council if her three (3) children could play **Florence Township Recreational Soccer**? There used to be a policy that if a child was not a resident of Florence Township but attended a school in Florence Township they could play. That policy has been changed and the child must now be a Florence Township resident. Council in agreement to deny the request.

### **Township Solicitor**

- Nothing at this time.

### **Township Engineer**

- Dan Guzzi, Township Engineer, stated that the contractor for the **Parks Improvement Program** has been working in Veterans Park taking care of the walking path modifications. Most of the work is done; there is just some restoration work to be completed.

Mr. Guzzi stated that the prove rolling for the walking path in Marter Park will be done this Monday. As long as everything goes well with the prove roll, they will move forward with paving.

Mr. Guzzi stated that the contractor has been working on the soccer fields this week applying weed killer and getting ready to redo the fields and get the seeding done in the next several weeks.

- Mr. Guzzi discussed the letter that was in the packet from **DEP** regarding **Green Acres Grants**. He stated that grant money has not been available for awhile but this year they are offering grant money for projects (land acquisition included) for: natural areas, historic sites, conservation areas, open space, recreation or development for boating, fishing, swimming, outdoor games, sports, biking, picnicking and camping. This is similar to what Green Acres was ten (10) years ago. Several suggestions were made such as: a new dock at the boat ramp at Volunteer's Park, development of a dock in Roebling on the steel mill site, work at the Bustleton Park or a new fence and re-grading at Nykita Field. The application is due October 26, 2007, so a decision will need to be made early September. Mayor Muchowski asked Mr. Guzzi to provide another copy of the letter to the governing body to keep it fresh in their minds. Administrator Brook does not believe the dock at the boat ramp in Volunteer's Park will last more than another five (5) to seven (7) years. This will be discussed further at the September Worksession.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **Tree Master Plan: Veterans Park**

Council Member Garganio would like Assistant Administrator Sahol to proceed with the purchase of the trees to complete Veterans Park. Assistant Administrator Sahol explained that some of the funding may come from contributions from scouting organizations. Administrator Brook stated that a final plan will be provided to the governing body.

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**Pete's Pizza**

Council President Baldorossi stated that Pete's Pizza lot on Hornberger is looking very bad and asked if administration has spoken with the owner? Administrator Brook called and spoke with the property owner's attorney today who was not aware of what his client was doing and will contact him and return Administrator Brook's call tomorrow.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Florence Township Housing Authority Appointment: Council Appointment**

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Fratinardo to appoint **David Brownback** (Five Year Term – Term Ending 7/31/2012) to the Florence Township Housing Authority.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Garganio, Ryan, Sandusky, Fratinardo  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None

Motion carries.

**Concert and Movie Nights in the Park**

Council Member Sandusky has attended the concerts and movies in the park and is very disappointed in the number of people attending the events. He feels that it is something that has to catch on. He asked the governing body if he could get more involved next year, along with Assistant Administrator Sahol, with the advertising? He discussed various advertising ideas such as having local stores put fliers in the customer's bags when they checkout and fliers put on windshields. Council in agreement for Council Member Sandusky to help Assistant Administrator Sahol next year.

**BOARD OF HEALTH**

Nothing at this time.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Nothing at this time.

9:41 PM MOTION by Sandusky, seconded by Garganio to adjourn meeting. Roll call vote - all ayes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

9:41 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER  
Township Clerk

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